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COMPENSATION TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the compensation being paid to the farmers of border States, including Punjab for their farmlands across the fencing on Indo-Pak border has been discontinued;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to restart it?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): As per our policy, compensation is paid only when land is occupied by the Armed Forces or farmer is deprived of cultivating his land for operational reasons. So far as farmlands across the fencing are concerned, farmers are allowed to cross the fencing and grow their crops. Hence, the question of paying any compensation does not arise.